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I would like it known that I am opposed to the tentative settlement in the Microsoft case.

As it stands the terms are too narrowly defined and will allow Microsoft to continue with their illegal and immoral practices in the very near future.

In addition, the government should have already learned that "slapping Microsoft on the wrist" did not accomplish anything. They continued with their shady business practices right away, and even now, in the middle of all this they are attempting to corner markets.

Their .net strategy is an attempt to gain control of the internet. If the government can't see this then they better get experts who can.

I suggest getting back issues of PC Magazine and reading John C. Dvork's columns. He tells it like it is and often has commentary's about Microsofts business practices.

The only thing that might get Bill Gates to stop trying to kill all competition is to hit him where it hurts. A really big fine would help and having him step down from any involvement with Microsoft would be even better.

What I really think should be done is to split Microsoft in several pieces: Internet software, Operating Systems, and Other Applications.

This is the only way you'll ever get Microsoft to stop their "destroy all" practices.

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